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**STATE OF WISCONSIN  
Division of Hearings and Appeals**

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In the Matter of

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

DECISION

[REDACTED]

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**PRELIMINARY RECITALS**

Pursuant to a petition filed October 22, 2015, under Wis. Stat., §49.45(5), to review a decision by the Division of Health Care Access and Accountability (DHCAA) to deny Medical Assistance (MA) authorization for a CT scan, a hearing was held on December 8, 2015, by telephone.

The issue for determination is whether the DHCAA correctly denied the requested test using Department policy.

**PARTIES IN INTEREST:**

Petitioner:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Respondent:

Department of Health Services  
1 West Wilson Street, Room 651  
Madison, Wisconsin 53703

By: Written submission of [REDACTED]

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:**

Brian C. Schneider  
Division of Hearings and Appeals

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Petitioner is a 64-year-old resident of Milwaukee County who receives MA.
2. Petitioner has a history of Coronary Artery Disease and Diabetes. She had bypass surgery in 1999 and an angiogram in 2011. In 2015 petitioner was experiencing exertional chest tightness. Prior testing showed abnormal results and blocked premature atrial contractions.
3. On October 12, 2015 [REDACTED] requested prior authorization for a CT scan for her heart. By a notice dated October 15 the DHCAA denied the request.



## DISCUSSION

Physician-prescribed diagnostic services can be covered by MA, if they are consistent with good medical practice. Wis. Admin. Code, §§DHS 107.06(1) and 107.25. The Division has now decided to make payment of CT, MRI, and PET scans subject to prior authorization, in an effort to determine if they are being ordered consistent with good medical practice. This prior authorization requirement was announced to providers in an *MA Update*, #2010-92, issued to all providers in October, 2010. Cardiac imaging guidelines were updated in February, 2015. See Attachment 3 to the DHCAA case summary.

Under the current guidelines a cardiac CT scan will be approved for symptomatic individuals who have a very low, low, or intermediate pretest probability of coronary artery disease. See Attachment 3, page 2. Because petitioner has been diagnosed with coronary artery disease, obviously the pretest probability is not in those ranges.

The DHCAA case summary suggests a number of issues and guidelines for petitioner's provider to review her situation. I strongly suggest that petitioner take the case summary to her doctor. If the doctor still desires some sort of medical imaging he can utilize the suggestions in the case summary to request the appropriate imaging.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The DHCAA correctly denied the requested CT scan because petitioner's condition does not meet the approval criteria.

**THEREFORE, it is**

## ORDERED

That the petition for review is hereby dismissed.

## **REQUEST FOR A REHEARING**


You may request a rehearing if you think this decision is based on a serious mistake in the facts or the law or if you have found new evidence that would change the decision. Your request must be **received within 20 days after the date of this decision**. Late requests cannot be granted.

Send your request for rehearing in writing to the Division of Hearings and Appeals, 5005 University Avenue, Suite 201, Madison, WI 53705-5400 **and** to those identified in this decision as "PARTIES IN INTEREST." Your rehearing request must explain what mistake the Administrative Law Judge made and why it is important or you must describe your new evidence and explain why you did not have it at your first hearing. If your request does not explain these things, it will be denied.

The process for requesting a rehearing may be found at Wis. Stat. § 227.49. A copy of the statutes may be found online or at your local library or courthouse.

## **APPEAL TO COURT**

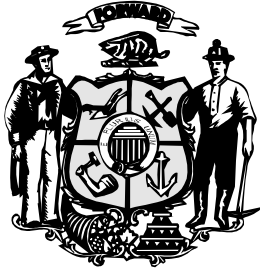
You may also appeal this decision to Circuit Court in the county where you live. Appeals must be filed with the Court **and** served either personally or by certified mail on the Secretary of the Department of Health Services, 1 West Wilson Street, Room 651, Madison, Wisconsin 53703, **and** on those identified in this decision as "PARTIES IN INTEREST" **no more than 30 days after the date of this decision** or 30 days after a denial of a timely rehearing (if you request one).

  
The process for Circuit Court Appeals may be found at Wis. Stat. §§ 227.52 and 227.53. A copy of the statutes may be found online or at your local library or courthouse.

Given under my hand at the City of Madison,  
Wisconsin, this 14th day of December, 2015

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\sBrian C. Schneider  
Administrative Law Judge  
Division of Hearings and Appeals



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The preceding decision was sent to the following parties on December 14, 2015.

Division of Health Care Access and Accountability